

Remarks

The application now contains 6 claims. Claims 1-6 have been previously cancelled. Claims 7-14 are cancelled by way of the present amendment. Claims 15-20 are new.

In response to the office action dated December 20, 2007, all the of the previous amendments accompanying the response to the election/restriction requirement dated September 14, 2007, and the response to the non-compliant amendment dated October 10, 2007, have been cancelled and are hereby disclaimed. The present amendment therefore reintroduces the content of the specification and figures as originally filed. New claims 15-20 are based on previous claims 1-6.

In addition, claim 15 has been amended so as to state that the antimicrobial compound is "obtainable" by culturing *pseudozyma flocculosa*, rather than "being obtained". Further, claims 16-19 have been amended so as to remove the expression "or an analog, a derivative".

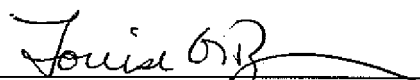
In addition, the applicant submits that the response to the election/restriction requirement dated September 14, 2007, and electing Group I, originally directed towards claims 1-2, should also apply to the corresponding amended claims 15-16.

No new matter has been introduced by way of the present amendment. In view of the above, examination of claims 15-20 on the merits is therefore respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

No fees are believed to be required by the present response. However, should this be an error, authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account 19-5113 for any underpayment or to credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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